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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number:	09/196,867
	Filing Date	November 20, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Brian Kelsall
	Group Art Unit	1644
	Examiner Name	A. DeCloux
	Attorney Docket Number	14014.0312

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. ☐ Other _____
b. ☒ Enclosed
i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☐ Other _____

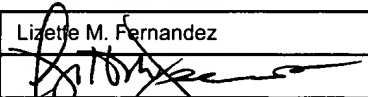
2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37. C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**


- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.
i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 07/09/2002 AHWD AF1 00000090 09196867
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.1356 and 1.179) FC:179 740.00 OP
iii. ☐ Other _____
b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
c. ☒ Credit card Payment Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$850.00 (\$740.00 RCE fee and \$110.00 one (1) month extension of time fee) is enclosed.
d. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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